

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
GRIFFITHS ET AL.
APPLICATION NO: Unknown
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FOR: RENIBACTERIUM SALMONINARUM VACCINE

Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This patent application is a continuation of U.S. Application 09/355,474 for which a Notice of Allowance was issued on June 6, 2003 with the Issue Fee due on September 8, 2003. This patent application and the enclosed Preliminary Amendment is being filed on August 5, 2003 which is prior to the issuance of a patent for U.S. Application 09/355,474. Thus, the filing of this continuation patent application and Preliminary Amendment is being made timely.

Enclosed please find a copy of the patent application, a Revocation and Appointment of Power of Attorney, a Statement of Availability and ATCC Deposit Receipt for Arthrobacter strain RSxII which is disclosed in this patent application, an Information Disclosure Statement, and a computer readable diskette containing the sequence listing, a paper copy of the sequence listing, and a Statement Verifying Identity of the Copies, and a Utility Patent Application Transmittal and Fee Sheet. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any fees necessary for the filing of this application from Deposit Account 19-0134.

The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments to the Specification and to the Claims which are listed on the next few pages.